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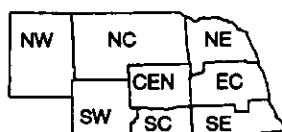
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged seven to ten degrees below normals. Only scattered amounts of precipitation occurred throughout the week.

GENERAL

Favorable fall harvest weather conditions last week allowed further field dry down of fall crops and rapid harvesting progress, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included harvesting fall crops, artificial drying of some grain, some after harvest tillage, fencing stalk fields, and moving cattle onto available stalk fields.

CROPS

All corn condition declined last week and was rated at 2% very poor, 8% poor, 46% fair, 40% good, and 4% excellent. Harvest moved along well last week but slower than producers hoped for as grain moisture remained above 20% in many instances. Since corn in some fields have problems with stalk rot, harvesting was occurring but artificial drying was necessary. Most producers are waiting for further field dry down of corn while harvesting driest corn first. Harvest was rated at 46% complete, ahead of last year at 36% but behind the five-year average at 78%.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest was nearing completion with 96% of the acres combined by week's end. This compares with 97% last year and 98% for the average.

Sorghum harvest made excellent progress last week with 54% out of the fields as of Sunday. This compares with 41% last year and 83% for the five-year average. Yields and test weights have varied.

Sugar beet harvest made good progress last week and was nearing 75% completion. Sunflower and millet harvesting continued.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 1% poor, 6% fair, 81% good, and 12% excellent.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 100% of normal and compares with 96% last year. Producer activities included weaning calves, working cattle, moving cows to stalk fields or winter pastures, and moving hay for winter feeding. The warm days and cool nights have been stressful for some weaned calves.

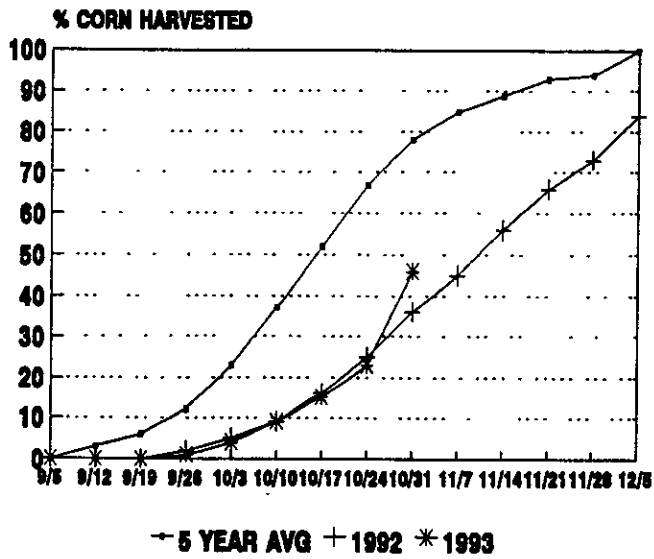
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1993	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	31	43	39	49	59	25	48	49	46	23	36	78
% sorghum harvested	0	62	58	88	62	26	49	52	54	15	41	83
% soybeans harvested	0	100	98	99	95	91	96	93	96	90	97	98
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 29, 1993												
Days suitable	62	67	69	67	69	63	70	70	68	37	60	
Topsoil moisture - Short	0	25	0	17	0	0	0	0	3	1	19	
(Percent) - Adequate	92	75	100	83	96	100	87	100	93	67	78	
- Surplus	8	0	0	0	4	0	13	0	4	32	3	
Subsoil moisture - Short	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	
(Percent) - Adequate	100	74	89	100	79	100	87	93	89	82	86	
- Surplus	0	13	11	0	21	0	13	7	10	17	5	

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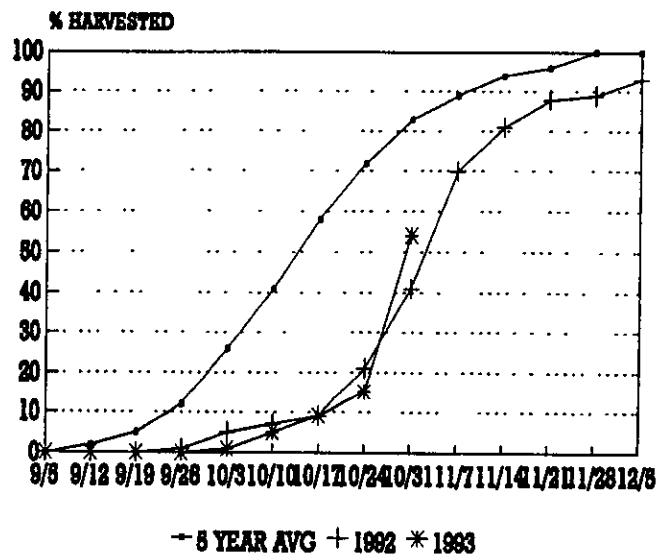
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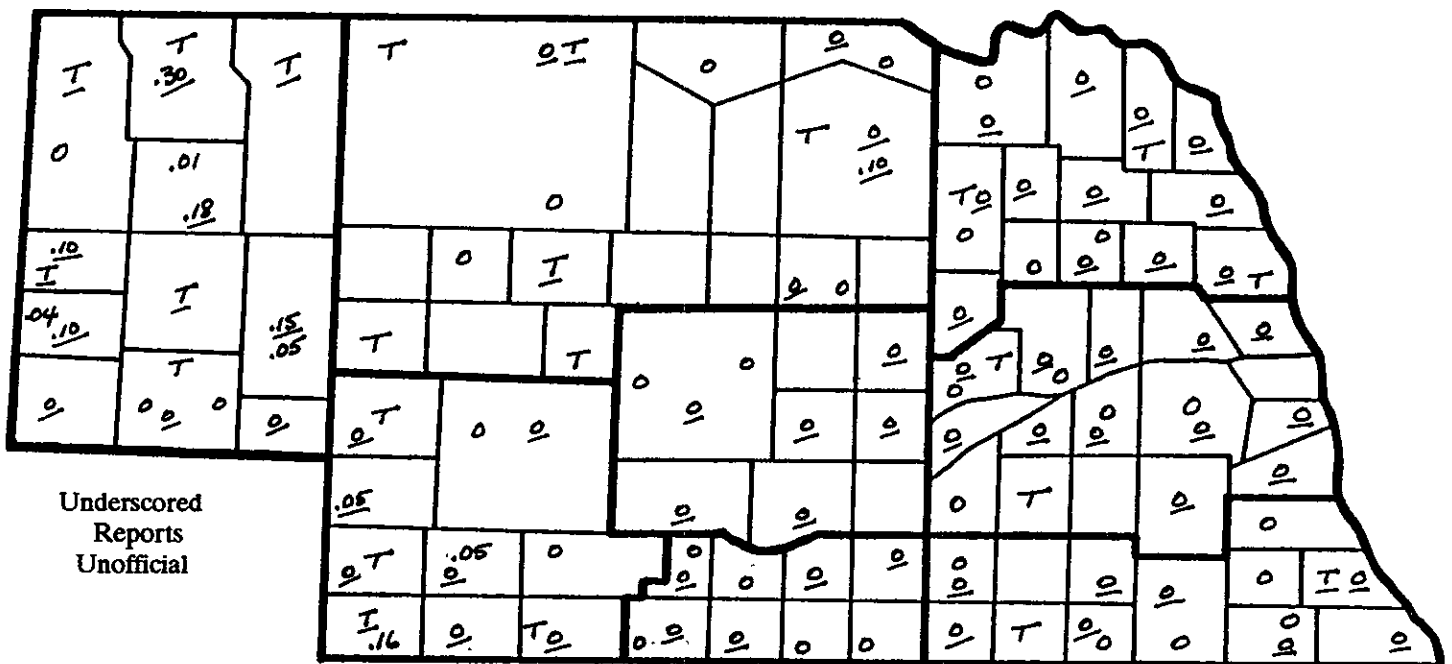
CORN HARVESTED PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY



SORGHUM HARVESTED PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1993



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1993

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	64	7	36	---	T
	Scottsbluff	65	9	36	-8	.03
	Sidney	65	7	37	---	0
NC	Valentine	63	10	37	-7	T
NE	Norfolk	64	11	37	-9	T
	Sioux City	64	12	39	-7	T
CEN	Grand Island	67	15	40	-7	T
	Ord	62	9	39	---	0
EC	Lincoln	69	11	38	-10	0
	Omaha	66	15	38	-10	0
SW	Imperial	64	20	41	---	.10
	North Platte	65	10	36	-8	T

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.